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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1967 = 100) ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Annual Average 1983	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Percent Change from Feb. 1984	Percent Change from Mar. 1983	Percent Change Projected on Annual Basis
All Items	298.4	307.3	306.6	293.4	0.2	4.7	2.4
Food & Beverage	284.4	294.3	294.4	283.2	—	3.9	—
Housing	323.1	331.5	331.0	318.6	0.2	4.0	2.4
Apparel and Upkeep	196.5	198.8	196.2	194.5	1.3	2.2	16.8
Transportation	298.4	306.9	305.8	287.4	0.4	6.8	4.9
Medical Care	357.3	374.5	373.2	352.3	0.3	6.3	3.7
Entertainment	246.0	251.7	251.5	244.6	0.1	2.9	1.2

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
(1967 = 100) UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1983	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Percent Change from Feb. 1984	Percent Change from Mar. 1983
All Commodities	303.1	311.1	308.8	300.6	0.7	3.5
Farm Products and Processed Foods and Feeds	253.9	268.3	263.5	250.6	1.8	7.1
Industrial Commodities	315.8	321.9	320.4	313.5	0.5	2.7

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
United States									
Manufacturing	369.87	369.56	346.10	40.6	40.7	39.6	9.11	9.08	8.74
Durable	399.78	399.92	372.53	41.3	41.4	40.1	9.68	9.66	9.29
Nondurable	327.49	326.30	311.20	39.6	39.6	38.9	8.27	8.24	8.00
North Dakota									
Manufacturing	291.93	300.69	285.61	37.0	38.5	36.9	7.89	7.81	7.74
Durable	325.48	325.84	305.85	39.5	39.4	37.9	8.24	8.27	8.07
Nondurable	268.99	285.38	271.50	35.3	38.0	36.2	7.62	7.51	7.50
Fargo-Moorhead MSA									
Manufacturing	295.93	310.50	278.42	36.3	37.5	34.5	8.18	8.28	8.07
Durable	321.15	317.12	319.66	38.6	38.3	38.7	8.32	8.28	8.26
Nondurable	281.53	307.56	253.76	34.8	37.1	32.0	8.09	8.29	7.93

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
FARGO—MOORHEAD MSA			
Total	62,770	62,620	61,040
Mining and Construction	2,090	2,090	2,040
Manufacturing	4,580	4,440	4,320
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	3,620	3,650	3,770
Wholesale Trade	6,520	6,450	6,260
Retail Trade	11,950	11,700	11,560
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	4,000	3,980	3,870
Services	16,400	16,350	15,850
Government	13,610	13,960	13,370
GRAND FORKS MSA			
Total	26,700	26,480	26,070
Mining and Construction	860	850	770
Manufacturing	1,260	1,230	1,200
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	1,540	1,540	1,580
Wholesale Trade	1,360	1,370	1,320
Retail Trade	5,940	5,850	5,990
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,000	990	990
Services	5,890	5,870	5,660
Government	8,850	8,780	8,560
BISMARCK MSA			
Total	34,710	34,600	33,840
Mining and Construction	1,620	1,640	1,630
Manufacturing	1,910	1,900	1,870
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	2,770	2,780	2,790
Wholesale Trade	2,430	2,400	2,340
Retail Trade	6,880	6,810	6,490
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,650	1,660	1,660
Services	9,680	9,640	9,200
Government	7,770	7,770	7,860

LABOR FORCE

	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Percent Change from Feb. 1984	Percent Change from Mar. 1983
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	114,598	114,377	112,399	0.2	2.0
Employment	105,826	105,576	100,980	0.2	4.8
Unemployment	8,772	8,801	11,419	−0.3	−23.2
Unemployment Rate 1/	7.7%	7.7%	10.2%	—	—
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	316,750	303,720	305,440	4.3	3.7
Employment	295,740	281,110	282,030	5.2	4.9
Unemployment	21,010	22,610	23,410	−7.1	−10.3
Unemployment Rate 1/	6.6%	7.4%	7.7%	—	—
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	75,200	73,930	72,210	1.7	4.1
Employment	71,460	70,040	67,430	2.0	6.0
Unemployment	3,740	3,890	4,780	−3.9	−21.8
Unemployment Rate 1/	5.0%	5.3%	6.6%	—	—
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	28,740	27,950	26,290	2.8	9.3
Employment	27,290	26,420	24,500	3.3	11.4
Unemployment	1,450	1,530	1,790	−5.2	−19.0
Unemployment Rate 1/	5.0%	5.5%	6.8%	—	—
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	40,740	39,780	38,570	2.4	5.6
Employment	37,620	36,420	35,640	3.3	5.6
Unemployment	3,120	3,360	2,930	−7.1	6.5
Unemployment Rate 1/	7.7%	8.5%	7.6%	—	—

U.S. data seasonally adjusted; other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay counties, the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks county, and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton counties.

1/ Based on unrounded data.

NORTH DAKOTA EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment	245,160	244,230	241,470
Mining	7,240	7,200	6,320
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	5,770	5,750	4,880
Other Mining	1,470	1,450	1,440
Construction	12,170	12,300	12,820
Manufacturing	15,000	14,940	14,230
Durable Goods	6,230	6,060	5,920
Nondurable Goods	8,770	8,880	8,310
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	15,990	16,040	15,640
Trade	63,470	62,800	63,340
Wholesale	19,060	18,990	19,580
Retail	44,410	43,810	43,760
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	12,010	11,970	11,780
Services	56,390	56,130	55,120
Government	62,890	62,850	62,220
Federal	9,590	9,510	9,410
State	19,090	19,150	18,600
Local	34,210	34,190	34,210

LABOR FORCE by County, by Region March 1984

		1980 Population	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
1	Divide	3,494	1,596	1,520	76	4.8%
	McKenzie	7,132	3,108	2,929	179	5.8%
	Williams	22,237	12,379	11,626	753	6.1%
	REGION 1 TOTAL	32,863	17,083	16,075	1,008	5.9%
2	Bottineau	9,338	3,992	3,722	270	6.8%
	Burke	3,822	1,994	1,846	148	7.4%
	McHenry	7,858	3,380	2,860	520	15.4%
	Mountrail	7,679	3,448	3,126	322	9.3%
	Pierce	6,166	2,993	2,832	161	5.4%
	Renville	3,608	1,511	1,415	96	6.4%
	Ward	58,392	24,359	22,595	1,764	7.2%
	REGION 2 TOTAL	96,863	41,677	38,396	3,281	7.9%
3	Benson	7,944	3,104	2,698	406	13.1%
	Cavalier	7,636	3,451	3,151	300	8.7%
	Eddy	3,554	1,765	1,550	215	12.2%
	Ramsey	13,048	6,594	6,160	434	6.6%
	Rolette	12,177	4,996	4,333	663	13.3%
	Towner	4,052	2,135	2,056	79	3.7%
	REGION 3 TOTAL	48,411	22,045	19,948	2,097	9.5%
4	Grand Forks	66,100	28,740	27,291	1,449	5.0%
	Nelson	5,203	2,659	2,413	246	9.3%
	Pembina	10,399	5,576	4,985	591	10.6%
	Walsh	15,371	8,146	7,586	560	6.9%
	REGION 4 TOTAL	97,103	45,121	42,275	2,846	6.3%
5	Cass	88,247	47,026	45,309	1,717	3.7%
	Ransom	6,698	2,786	2,643	143	5.1%
	Richland	19,207	8,930	8,494	436	4.9%
	Sargent	5,512	2,507	2,351	156	6.2%
	Steele	3,106	1,377	1,292	85	6.2%
	Traill	9,624	4,477	4,295	182	4.1%
	REGION 5 TOTAL	132,394	67,103	64,384	2,719	4.1%
6	Barnes	13,960	6,240	5,845	395	6.3%
	Dickey	7,207	3,435	3,304	131	3.8%
	Foster	4,611	2,112	1,973	139	6.6%
	Griggs	3,714	1,628	1,529	99	6.1%
	LaMoure	6,473	2,522	2,405	117	4.6%
	Logan	3,493	1,451	1,354	97	6.7%
	McIntosh	4,800	2,313	2,213	100	4.3%
	Stutsman	24,154	11,817	11,028	789	6.7%
	Wells	6,979	3,353	3,054	299	8.9%
	REGION 6 TOTAL	75,391	34,871	32,705	2,166	6.2%
7	Burleigh	54,811	27,787	25,848	1,939	7.0%
	Emmons	5,877	2,425	2,117	308	12.7%
	Grant	4,274	1,644	1,516	128	7.8%
	Kidder	3,833	1,536	1,346	190	12.4%
	McLean	12,288	5,589	4,940	649	11.6%
	Mercer	9,378	11,847	11,234	613	5.2%
	Morton	25,177	12,954	11,772	1,182	9.1%
	Oliver	2,495	1,011	905	106	10.5%
	Sheridan	2,819	1,189	1,137	52	4.4%
	Sioux	3,620	1,310	1,207	103	7.9%
	REGION 7 TOTAL	124,572	67,292	62,022	5,270	7.8%
8	Adams	3,584	1,842	1,791	51	2.8%
	Billings	1,138	681	654	27	4.0%
	Bowman	4,229	2,185	2,102	83	3.8%
	Dunn	4,627	1,909	1,648	261	13.7%
	Golden Valley	2,391	1,190	1,120	70	5.9%
	Hettinger	4,275	1,860	1,734	126	6.8%
	Slope	1,157	500	450	50	10.0%
	Stark	23,697	11,389	10,437	952	8.4%
	REGION 8 TOTAL	45,098	21,556	19,936	1,620	7.5%
STATE TOTAL		652,695	316,748	295,741	21,007	6.6%